

CITY OF NORTH BEND
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSTUDY NOTES
May 24, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

City Hall Conference Room, 211 Main Ave. N., North Bend, WA

Mayor Pro Tem Loudenback called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers Brenden Elwood, Alan Gothelf, Trevor Kostanich, Ross Loudenback, Jeanne Pettersen, and Martin Volken were present. Councilmember Jonathan Rosen was excused.

Staff Present: Mayor Ken Hearing, Administrator Londi Lindell, Public Works Director Mark Rigos, Community & Economic Development Director Gina Estep, and Records Coordinator Kym Smith.

Six Year Transportation Improvement Program 2017-2022

Public Works Director Rigos reviewed the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2017-2022. He noted the top projects were as follows:

1. Park Street Roundabout
2. Downtown Plaza
3. North Bend Way Curb, Gutter & Landscape
4. NW 14th Street
5. NE 12th Street
6. Ballarat Avenue
7. Southfork Avenue Extension
8. Second Street Sidewalk/Storm/Drain
9. Bendigo Traffic Reconfiguration
10. Bendigo Boulevard/4th Street Reconfiguration

Mr. Rigos noted the above priorities may change as funding and/or grants became available for projects, or if a project addressed a public health and safety concern. Currently Mr. Rigos was waiting to hear if the City would receive a \$15 million dollar grant from King County Flood Control District and Department of Ecology for Project #7 - Southfork Avenue Extension Project. He noted the City would be notified by mid-June if it was selected.

Mr. Rigos also explained he would like start a Downtown Communication Plan (DCP) which would facilitate notification of all new construction projects to affected residents.

After discussion, Council recommended no changes to the TIP priority list. However, they requested staff compare the City's Trail Plan and Parks Improvement Plan with projects on the TIP to ensure cohesiveness with the trails from each plan.

Update on Heartland Partnering for Park

Community & Economic Development Director Estep reported the City had recently partnered with Si View Metropolitan Park District and King County Parks in submitting for a \$1 million dollar Conservation Futures Grant from the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program (WWRP) which would be used to purchase a piece of property for an outdoor recreation facility.

Ms. Estep noted the property was currently owned by Heartland and was located south of I-90 at the end of Ribary Way. The developer discovered the area contained bedrock which would make it difficult to build and ensure tree preservation. She explained King County Parks became interested in the area for a regional trailhead to provide the public with additional access to Rattlesnake Mountain, and about 15,000 acres of public lands. North Bend's interest would be a mountain bike park and tree canopy education which could be in the form of low impact zip lines or similar activity. Ms. Estep also informed Council that Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance would donate 2,000 in-kind man hours to build trails and that within a year to a year and a half the area could possibly have a mountain bike destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

She concluded by informing all that she had just learned the Conservation Future Committee was recommending full funding, which was a first for the organization.

Next Steps on Council Requested Code Amendments to Implement Vision

Community & Economic Development Director Estep briefly summarized the April 26th workstudy in order to clarify the direction Council would like to proceed forward with regarding the Cottage Residential Zone. Ms. Estep passed out a worksheet schedule and budget related to the zone changes and reviewed it with Council.

After discussion, Council requested staff ensure the zone contained a mixture of cottages, Low Density Residential and townhomes reminiscent of the Beaux Arts community. Ms. Estep explained the proposed changes would include keeping as much tree preservation as possible.

Ms. Estep noted she would provide the final draft related to the Cottage Residential Zone for Council input at the June 28th Workstudy.

After receiving permission to speak from Councilmembers, John Day expressed concern that the municipal code changes would have an impact on his potential investment in the Cottage zone.

Adjournment

The workstudy closed at 8: 45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ross Loudonback, Mayor Pro Tem

Kym Smith, Records Coordinator